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SUBJ: NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE; WEO CAUCUS

1. CANADIAN AMB BARTON CONVENED ON APRIL 25 CAUCUS  
OF GENEVA-BASED REPS OF WEO PARTIES AND SIGNATORIES TO  
NPT FOR INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR  
REVIEW CONFERENCE. FOLLOWING STATES WERE REPRESENTED:  
DENMARK, FRG, AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND, IRELAND, NORWAY,  
FINLAND, AUSTRALIA, JAPAN, BELGIUM, UNITED KINGDOM,  
NETHERLANDS, ITALY, UNITED STATES, CANADA AND NEW  
ZEALAND.

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2. BARTON INFORMED GROUP THAT HE AND POLISH AMB WYZNER (EACH OF WHOM HAD CHAIRED PREVIOUS PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS) HAD BEEN CONSULTING WITH PASTINEN (PROVISIONAL SEC GEN OF CONF) OVER ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AIMED AT FACILITATING SMOOTH OPENING FOR CONF. THEY EXPECTED BE JOINED SHORTLY IN THESE CONSULTATIONS BY NIGERIAN AMB CLARK, WHO THEY UNDERSTOOD WAS GROUP OF 77'S CHOICE FOR CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE I. BARTON SAID THAT HE, WYZNER AND PASTINEN WISHED TO RECOMMEND TO OTHER PARTICIPANTS THAT AFTERNOON OF OPENING DAY, MAY 5, BE DEVOTED TO CONFERENCE ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8 AND THAT GENERAL COMMITTEE MEET LATER THAT SAME DAY TO CONSIDER ITEMS 9 AND 10 (AGENDA AND PROGRAM OF WORK). IT WOULD BE HOPED THAT GENERAL COMMITTEE COULD RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND WORK PROGRAM AT OPENING OF PLENARY SESSION NEXT DAY, MAY 6, AND THAT AFTER THIS WAS ACHIEVED GENERAL DEBATE WOULD BEGIN. BARTON, WYZNER AND PASTINEN ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE II BEGIN ITS DELIBERATIONS MONDAY MAY 12 AND THAT COMMITTEE I START AS SOON AS GENERAL DEBATE WAS CONCLUDED, HOPEFULLY ALSO ON MAY 12 OR SOON THEREAFTER. THERE WAS NO OBJECTION FROM ANY OF THE WEO CAUCUS PARTICIPANTS TO THESE RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. TURNING TO QUESTION OF ELECTION OF CONF PRESIDENT, BARTON PROPOSED THAT MRS THORSSON BE NOMINATED BY THREE REPS, ONE FROM EACH OF THE POLITICAL GROUPINGS. CAUCUS AGREED THAT IRELAND WOULD NOMINATE HER ON BEHALF OF WEO GROUP AND SPEAK FIRST. AS REGARDS ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OFFICERS, BARTON PROPOSED THAT CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE I (PRESUMABLY CLARK OF NIGERIA) BE NOMINATED BY EASTERN REP AND SECONDED BY WEO REP. CAUCUS AGREED THAT AUSTRIA WOULD DO THE LATTER. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE II (BARTON OF CANADA) WOULD BE NOMINATED BY EASTERN REP AND SECONDED BY REP OF GROUP OF 77. CHAIRMAN OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE (WYZNER OF POLAND) WOULD BE NOMINATED BY REP OF GROUP OF 77 AND SECONDED BY WEO REP. DENMARK AGREED DO THIS.

4. BARTON ALSO SUGGESTED THAT VICE CHAIRMEN OF EACH  
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COMMITTEE BE NOMINATED AT SAME TIME AS THE CHAIRMEN AND HE STRESSED NEED FOR WEO GROUP TO AGREE BEFORE MAY 5 ON ITS SELECTION FOR VICE CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMMITTEE I AND OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE. NONE OF THE STATES REPRESENTED AT THE CAUCUS EXPRESSED ANY ASPIRATION FOR ONE OF THESE VICE-CHAIRMANSHIPS; HOWEVER, ONLY DANES STATED THEY DID NOT WANT ONE OF THESE POSTS. WITH REGARD TO OVER-ALL COMPOSITION OF CREDENTIALS

COMMITTEE, BARTON SUGGESTED 2 EASTERN, 2 WEO AND 5 REPS FROM GROUP OF 77. (ONE OF WEO REPS WOULD BE VICE-CHAIRMAN.) CAUCUS AGREED TO THIS BREAKDOWN.

5. CAUCUS NEXT TOOK UP QUESTION OF FILLING THREE VICE-PRESIDENCIES CURRENTLY ALLOTTED TO WEO. BARTON ASKED IF ANY OF THE STATES REPRESENTED AT THE CAUCUS ASPIRED TO ONE OF THESE OFFICES. AUSTRALIAN AMB DAVIS SAID HIS GOVT STRONGLY DESIRED A VICE-PRESIDENCY. IRISH, DANISH AND FINNISH REPS INDICATED WILLINGNESS ACCEPT ONE OF THESE POSTS BUT DID NOT PRESS THEIR CANDIDACY. NORWEGIAN REP SAID HIS DEL WOULD NOT BE ABLE PROVIDE ANYONE TO FILL A VICE-PRESIDENCY. DUTCH AMB COMMENTED THAT IF TWO ADDITIONAL VICE-PRESIDENCIES FOR EURATOM STATES WERE CREATED AS RESULT OF THEIR RATIFICATION OF NPT, SELECTION OF IRELAND AND DENMARK AS VICE-PRESIDENTS AS WELL MIGHT GIVE RISE TO COMPLAINTS ABOUT OVER-REPRESENTATION OF GROUP OF 9. IN THIS CONNECTION, BARTON COMMENTED THAT CREATION OF THESE TWO ADDITIONAL VICE-PRESIDENCIES WOULD REQUIRE AMENDMENT TO RULES OF PROCEDURE ON FIRST DAY OF CONFERENCE AND STRESSED THAT CAREFUL ORCHESTRATION WAS NEEDED TO BRING THIS OFF WITHOUT A HITCH.

6. NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO TAKE CONSIDERATION OF THESE ISSUES ANY FURTHER AT CAUCUS. GROUP AGREED MEET AGAIN ON FRIDAY MORNING MAY 2 AND BARTON URGED THAT ALL REPS COME PREPARED TO TAKE FINAL DECISION THEN ON CHOICES FOR THE OFFICIAL POSITIONS ALLOTTED TO WEO GROUP.  
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